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RECOMMENDATION OF SAC TO THE CABINET ON EARTHQUAKE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) to the Cabinet was asked to discuss and recommend immediate, short, medium and long integrated planning in the wake of the Gujarat earthquake;

(b) whether the said Committee has now recommended for establishing a long term earthquake forecasting programme, strengthening the existing network of quake instrumentation and for launching a mission mode programme on the microzonation in the quake prone areas; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the measures to be taken to warn the people before they are taken over by an earthquake?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet at its special meeting held on 9th Feb. 2001 recommendedvarious studies including the launching of a long term earthquake forecasting programme with possible international collaboration, mission mode programme on microzonation and updating of seismic zonation map etc.

(c): Based on the recommendations proposals/programmes have been initiated for obtaining appropriate administrative and financial approvals. However, at present it is not possible to warn the people as there is no scientifically proven technique available any where in the world by which an earthquake can be predicted with a reasonable degree of accuracy in time, space and magnitude.